

Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Program

Sexual assault is a criminal offense that has no place in the Army or any of our communities. It degrades mission readiness by devastating the Army's ability to work effectively as a team. Every Soldier, Department of Army Civilian (DAC), Family Member, or Local National Employee who is aware of a sexual assault, should report the incident immediately (within 24 hours).

Sexual assault is incompatible with the Army Values and is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and other federal and local civilian laws.

The definition of a sexual assault is any intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat, or the abuse of authority, or when the victim cannot or does not consent.

The purpose of the Army's Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Program is to eliminate incidents of sexual assault through a comprehensive policy that centers on:

- Prevention and Awareness
- Immediate Response
- Long Term Support
- Evaluation

For the All Army in Japan Sexual Assault Hotline, you can dial 882# from any Army base DSN line any time of any day.

24/7 response for Honshu contacts:

- Cell: 090-9395-8909
- DSN: 315-263-2277 or 882#
- Local: 046-407-2277
- Allied Telesis: 98-263-2277

24/7 response for Okinawa contacts:

- Cell: 090-6861-8447
- DSN: 315-644-4331
- Local: 611-744-4331
- From States: 011-81-90-6861-8447

Sexual Assault Reporting Options

Restricted Reporting

Allows a sexual assault victim to confidentially disclose the details of his/her assault to specifically identified individuals and receive medical care, victim advocacy and counseling, without triggering the official investigative process. Restricted reporting is intended to give victims additional time and increased control over the release and management of their personal information, and to empower them to seek relevant information and support to make more informed decisions about participating in the criminal investigation. A victim who receives appropriate care and treatment, and is provided an opportunity to make an informed decision about a criminal investigation is more likely to develop increased trust that his/her needs are of primary concern to the command and may eventually decide to pursue an investigation. Soldiers who are sexually assaulted and desire restricted reporting should report the assault to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or a healthcare provider, or a Chaplain.

Victims do not need to recover from sexual assault alone. Sexual assault is a crime punishable by both military and civilian authorities. All victims of sexual assault have the right to receive assistance.

Restricted Reporting Resources:

- SARC: 263-2277
- Unit Victim Advocate: See your unit representative
- Behavioral Health Services: 263-4610
- Health Clinic: 263-4175
- Chaplain: 263-4898

Unrestricted Reporting

A Soldier who is sexually assaulted and desires medical treatment, counseling and an official investigation of his/her allegation should use current reporting channels, e.g. chain of command, law enforcement or report the incident to the SARC. Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC will immediately assign a Victim Advocate. Additionally, at the victim's discretion or request, the healthcare provider shall conduct a forensic examination, which may include the collection of evidence.

Unrestricted Reporting Resources:

- SARC: 263-2277
- Unit Victim Advocate: See your unit representative
- Behavioral Health Services: 263-4610
- Health Clinic: 263-4175
- Military Police: 466-2812 (desk)/466-114 (emergency)
- Legal Assistance: 263-3331